



## CITY OF RIDGECREST

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MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE  
1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM AREA B  
Wednesday May 8, 2013 at 5:00 pm  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

Committee Members: Mayor Dan Clark, Mayor Pro Tem Jason Patin  
Recording Secretary: Karen Harker  
Staff: Dennis Speer, Loren Culp

Members Present: Mayor Dan Clark, Mayor Pro Tem Jason Patin, Dennis Speer, Loren Culp

Members Absent:

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:00
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Clark asked for a motion to approve the agenda Mr. Patin indicated that he would like to change the order of the agenda. He would like to have 5d, 5c, 5a and then 5b. So approved by the committee. Agenda approved with recommendations.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA  
Stan Ratorja
  - hoping that our lobbyist would be looking at the flood control money at the federal levels.
  - Was wondering if it would be more efficient for taxi service than having the buses running the routes system.
  - Water meters and dispensation for water serviceDave Matthews
  - questioned the makeup of the committee. Committees are unable to make a decision. He would like to have this really be looked at. Patin would need to look with planning commission.
  - The painted line in the road very hard to see at night. Speer stated very hard to see because of the small fines. The roads really need to be paved for the paint to stick
  - If residents and formed a district to have it repaved. Speer was not sure how well a city wide assessment district would be received.Mike Neel
  - the planning commission has been looking at this and the City Attorney has he been given a green light to go ahead with changing the format of the Committees. Do we need to give a formal request to the attorney to see what we need to do? Mr. Speer will look into this and see where the process is at.
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Mayor Clark

- Brought forth the concerned from Mr. Taylor at Mahan and Upjohn. Mr. Speer hasn't looked at this area but will look at it when he gets a chance.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Controlled Intersection and/or crosswalk at Downs Ave. and Church St. – Mr. Patin explained his concerns about the area at Downs Ave and Church Street. He would like to see a controlled intersection at this area. Dennis Speer explained how the controlled crosswalks work in intersections and the legalities of how it can affect the city. He explained also how you don't take a pedestrian from a crosswalk to a dirt area because now he/she is in an area that can put him in danger. Dennis would recommend doing a crosswalk when the road is built out so that there could be a refuge area for the pedestrian area so that they can look one way cross and then look the other way and continue to across the street.

Controlled intersection, need a study or traffic warrant. Need to have curb gutter and sidewalk on all four sides of the roadway. I'm not a proponent of the Pedestrian Control Devices but I would consider it for this intersection.

Clark concerned about the safety of our community and of our children.

**Public Comment:**

Brad ? – Discussed other areas of the City that have stop signs that meet areas that are like this one. How did they get there stop signs. Public Safety must also get put into with the traffic study.

Mr. Speer went over the traffic warrants and speed studies and how they work to make up the decisions for placing stop signs and traffic control devices.

Jennifer Mather – discussed the general area and how she has seen children hit at this intersection and that she doesn't understand why there can't be a simple fix to the problem. She understands the traffic warrants and studies but realizes that we also have hundreds of children and vehicles that would meet the criteria for those traffic studies and warrants.

Mr. Patin asked if there was a way for Charter School to work with the City to begin a Safe Routes to School Application. Mr. Speer indicated and spoke about that it is the Schools responsibility to come up with a plan for a Safe Routes to School to present it to the City for Approval and apply for the grant application.

Don Baker – Loren Culp spoke with and talked about this. This intersection is also being used by the Church , Faller School , Monroe Middle School, the school has put out a crossing guard. Mr. Baker stated that there was a study done there. Charter School is not resisted to putting together an application for safe routes to school. Loren Culp stated currently have awarded an RFP to a contractor that will be working with the Charter School and other Schools in the vicinity to help with this issue.

Sergeant McLaughlin stated for a temporary fix by lowering the speed limit to 25mph all the time because it is mostly a housing area. Discussed the speed study and survey. Mr. Speer indicated that we get quotes to do a speed study done is the area and if we could get the speed reduced to the 25 mph.

Mr. Patin – not going to give up. Primary warrant study would like to have staff come back with options and ideas.

## B. Utility Cost Management Program

Greg Normart – gave a presentation to analyze electric bills, rules and regulations. The Company has done more than 60 cities. Identify different utility rates. Goes through each account and looks for mistakes and if they find any they will refund direct to the city. They are paid if and after the City sees savings. Mr. Patin had no particular questions. Mr. Clark asked about the future savings. Mr. Normart gave an example of an alternative rate are on a certain rate rate A is 10C and Ball Park is 6C effecting future savings your bills will be 30% lower. 50% you see and then after three year we see it at 100. Gave success rates. Discussed the realization of savings.

### **Public Comment:**

Mike Neel – What is the cost of City for electric.

Mayor Clark - No conflict with the solar system. No you are just lowering the amount from the electric bill.

Mike Neel – discussion of shutting the street light down – what understanding do you have. Unusual usage pattern. How are the lights being using. Mr. Normart would need to refer to auditor.

**Committee:** Hand over some bills to the company and have them take a look to see if there can be savings.

## C. PMS System – Priority Streets List -

Dennis Speer presented the 1.5 Million List from the Measure L/TAB list. We will attack this list with either with Measure L or TAB Money. Dan Clark asked some questions about the psi with a zero. Loren Culp explained the methods of how they would use them.

### **Public Comment**

Mike Neel – asked about what the priorities would be for year 1 for the 800K for. Would like to see a list published so that the tax payers know what is being spent.

Gary Allred Minor Maintenance – Dennis Speer explained that the minor maintenance goes to the streets department for materials for pot hole patches and crack sealing. Discussed how he would like to see the money used and how it would be easy to see the money is a different format. Gary Allred indicated that he would like to see a spreadsheet that showed exactly what the money from Measure L was being spent on. What streets were being paid for and what materials were being bought. Mr. Speer indicated that the City would be able to provide that information for him.

## 2. Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP)

John Bracken – did a presentation regarding the Sanitary Sewer Management Plan. Discussed how the State mandated the SSMP and that it needed to be done within a 39 month period. This was not funded by the state but funded only by our agency. Showed the committee the flow charts. The committee discussed how the lines should be run and how to come up with a capital improvement plan. Mr. Clark asked if are there different federal statutes from states statutes. John was not sure if the federal or state statutes were different but the plant needed to comply with the state even though it was on the base. John showed video lines from his camera. Speer would need to come back to the committee with a price on how to come up with a capital improvement plan. Did the consultant itemize what has been allocated for the sewer lines. Stan Ratorja – can we repair lines vs replaces. We need to see the film so that we can make the decision. The community would have like to have

had Consultant here to have the option to discussion with them. Disappointed that they didn't have a meeting to discuss with them where they came up with their numbers.

**Public Comment**

Dave Matthew – manholes is about to fail. John is also very concerned about it. Would need to be very careful about sending one of his men down a manhole.

6. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS  
None at this time.
7. COMMITTEE'S COMMENTS  
None at this time.
8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS  
More Efficient for Taxi Service then running the Buses  
Traffic Study Cost & Options for Church Ave and Downs Street  
Water Meters  
Measure L Accomplishments
9. ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 7:26